

Professional Wives of Public Men---Famed Outside Nursery and Drawing-Room---Lawyers and Journalists Among Them



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Elucutionist.

BY JOHN ELPRETH WATKINS.

Washington, D. C. You would suppose that the consorts of our public men could spare little time for aught else than affairs domestic and social, especially the latter; but such is far from the truth in a number of instances worthy of note.

There is, for example, Mrs. La Follette, wife of the "progressive" senator from Wisconsin. She is a working journalist and attorney. Daily she has a signed article in the papers, and upon the wall of her sanctum she proudly displays a diploma issued to her by the Wisconsin Law School in 1885. Before that she and the little insurgent leader had been co-operators from the State University, from which they together received their sheepskins in 1878, although he was four years her senior. She made a remarkable record as a student, never having missed a single recitation during all of the eight years preceding her graduation, at which time she received the coveted prize for the best commencement oration.

First Woman Law Graduate. Her husband was District Attorney of Dare county when she married him, and it was with the idea of aiding him in his work that, in the second year after their marriage, she entered the law school, from which she was the first woman graduate. The same summer her husband was making his successful campaign for Congress. Then came into the world her daughter, Miss Folia La Follette, who was to follow her parents through their common alma mater, the State University, and later take up her father's first chosen profession, that of a lawyer. Miss Folia has spent her vacation this past summer in making a study of foreign literature, and following her approaching marriage to the young dramatist George Middleton, will return to the stage. She and her mother work shoulder to shoulder for woman suffrage and both are platform speakers.

Mrs. La Follette's career in some notable respects has been closely paralleled by that of Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the other celebrated radical leader of the Middle West. The latter also was a college mate of her future husband, and, too, after her marriage studied law to help him in the struggle for daily bread, and is a doctor of laws as well as of letters. She is also a skilled stenographer, having learned that art in the early days, when, to save a salary, she served as her young husband's secretary. Indeed, she has invented an original system of shorthand—the only one, she claims, which can fully keep pace with her husband's

rapid-fire oratory when he has full power turned on.

Another Senator's Lawyer Wife.

Two other public men whose wives have studied law are Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, and former Vice-President Fairbanks. Senator Gore became totally blind as a result of two tragic accidents occurring in his boyhood. When he was eight years of age one of his eyes was accidentally put out by a playmate, and when he was eleven he blinded the other while playing with a bowgun. Having now to give up his pageantry in the Mississippi legislature, he went through the State Normal School and then the law department of Cumberland University—thanks to the devotion of his mother and sisters, who read his lessons to him, over and over, until he had learned them. It was in 1900, while he was a struggling attorney in Texas, that he married Miss Nina Key, of that State, who since has served not only as his eyes, but as an extra lobe of his brain. It was after her marriage that this devoted helper mastered law, the better to assist her ambitious husband.

As in the case of the La Follettes and the Bryans, the Fairbankses were schoolmates at college, their alma mater being the Ohio Wesleyan, from which they earned their diplomas on the same day in 1872. She was a rich man's daughter and he a poor farmer's lad. They were thrown together largely through the college paper, of which he was editor-in-chief and she associate editor.

The next two years, young Fairbanks, while agent for the Associated Press at Pittsburgh and Cleveland, studied law, while the girl he left behind at the same time poured over law books and attended lectures. As soon as her lover had been admitted to practice they were married and began life in Indianapolis. The future Vice-President was then earning about \$75 a month, and his young wife volunteered to serve as clerk, her knowledge of law enabling her to prepare his briefs and correct them.

Contributes a Daily Article. For fifty-three years Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood, wife of General Isaac R. Sherwood, chairman of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, has been a working journalist, this record beginning when she was a girl of seventeen and continuing now, when, in her seventy-first year, she contributes—as does Mrs. La Follette—a daily word to a newspaper. General Sherwood was an editor when she married him, back in '59, and in the plant of his paper she learned everything from typesetting to leader-writing.

Wife Was Washington Correspondent. When he first came to Congress, in the early seventies, she acted as Washington correspondent for several Ohio papers, and during the later years that

he was holding office in Ohio, prior to his return to Congress, she was for six years in charge of the Toledo Journal and for over a decade edited the woman's department of the Union Veterans' organ, the National Tribune. She was a founder of the "Woman's Relief Corps," an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has served as its national president. She also organized the National Home for Army Nurses.

She is a gifted linguist, being conversant with both French and German, and her translations of Heine, Goethe and Frederick Bodenstedt have been widely circulated. Moreover, she has published six books, including two volumes of poems and songs, and as a singer she had a wide reputation in her earlier days.

Bailey's Wife an Elucutionist.

The wife of Senator Bailey, of Texas, is an accomplished elucutionist and dramatic reader, having been educated for the stage at the New York College of Oratory, where her course was interrupted by the romance which culminated in her marrying the rising young statesman from Texas. She was Miss Ellen Adair, daughter of a college professor at Oxford, Miss., and granddaughter of one of the Governors of Kentucky.

Few know, perhaps, that Mrs. Taft taught school before she married the man fated to become President of the United States. Mrs. Taft has also made her name as an accomplished pianist, and while living in Cincinnati organized the symphony orchestra of that city.

Mrs. Dolliver, widow of the Senator from Iowa, has been a college professor, having held the chair of mathematics in the Northwestern University for two years after her marriage. It is rumored that now, in her widowhood, she contemplates returning to her profession. The wife of Representative H. Olin Young, of the Twelfth Mich. District, was a superintendent of schools in New York State before her marriage, while Mrs. Herbert Parsons, consort of the former representative and Republican county chairman of New York City, continued for some time after her marriage to hold the chair of sociology in Barnard College, where she lectured during her husband's service in the House of Representatives. During the administration of Mayor McClellan she was delegated to inspect the slums of New York, when she made a remarkable report resulting in the relief of hundreds of ill-nourished children whom she found going regularly to school without their breakfasts.

Mrs. Heyburn, Portrait Painter. As a portrait painter, Mrs. Gherstein Y. Heyburn, wife of the senior Senator from Idaho, has been making her mark while her husband has been busy with legislative affairs. And that she has wielded her brush to some purpose may be judged from the fact that she had the contract for painting the portraits of the new State capitol of Delaware. She and her husband are both Quakers, which accounts for the fact that she shuns publicity. A similar case was that of former Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, whose young wife, who was Mary Berri Chapman, worked as an architect while he served in the upper house of Congress.

Another Senator whose wife devotes energies to pursuits outside the realm of domestic and social is Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, president of the National Progressive Republican League. Mrs. Bourne, who was Miss Elizabeth Wyatt, an Englishwoman, has learned the art



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of artistic bookbinding in the shops of Elbert Hubbard's Roycrofters, where she generally spends several months of the year. Her bindings yield high prices for charity and are prized by her friends, to whom she gives them as keepsakes. Should her husband lose his great wealth she could easily make a comfortable living by her art.

The most talented chattering box of the army circles is the wife of Brigadier-General Richard L. Hoxie. She was Miss Winnie Ream, of Madison, Wis., and when only a child of fifteen displayed such native talent as a sculptor that Thaddeus Stevens insisted upon her studying art. Within six months after beginning her studies she

had modeled such striking likenesses of General Grant, John Sherman and several other members of Congress that she was taken to the White House and introduced as a prodigy to Lincoln, who sat to her for his statue, which is now in the marble room of the Capitol, and for which she received \$15,000 from Congress.

After studying three years in Rome, she returned, to make other statues now adorning American institutions and public buildings. The Farragut statue, in sight of her present home in Washington, was among these, and it was while she was working on the model of this, at the Washington navy yard, that she was wooed and won by her future husband, then a young lieutenant of engineers. During travels abroad she has been sat to by Spurgeon, in his tabernacle; Kaulbach, in Munich; Cardinal Antonelli, in Rome, and Liszt, in his studio. Among her prized mementoes is a set of cameos set in pearls, given to her by Cardinal Antonelli, and a painting of Doris, inscribed, "Offered to Miss Virginia Ream, on the part of her affectionate colleague, Gustave Doré."

At her wedding she was given away by General Sherman. She was lately commissioned by the State of Iowa to make a heroic statue of former Governor Samuel J. Kirkwood, which is to be placed in the national Capitol, and her present work upon this is largely a labor of love, as it was Governor Kirkwood who obtained her husband's appointment to West Point.

One of our admirals whose consort has had a professional career of Adolph Marx, who was judge advocate of the famous Maine Court of Inquiry. As Grace Filkins, Mrs. Marx made a

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reputation on the stage before her marriage, in 1896.

Ambassadors a Trained Nurse.

A distinguished member of the diplomatic corps whose wife can boast of a profession is the Right Honorable James Bryce, when Miss Elizabeth Marion Ashton, of Manchester, graduated as a trained nurse, as has been the fate among many young Englishwomen of the past generation. Indeed, several of the crowned heads of Europe have elected to become professional women, notable instances being the former Queen mother, Amelie, of Portugal, who is a skilled oculist, and who, since the dethronement of her son, the young King Manuel, has been practicing her profession in London, giving her services free to the poor, but having an income guaranteed by certain opulent and titled patients.

Then there is the present Queen of Belgium, who, while a Vassarian princess, won the diploma of a doctor of medicine at the University of Bonn, and who now attends to the medical needs of her own family. Nor must we fail to mention the present Queen of Italy, who is an archeologist, or "Carmen Sylva," who, under this nom de plume, was revealed that she was Queen of Roumania, whose throne she still graces.

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Raleigh Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., October 28.—The Twentieth Century Club enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. B. P. Williamson this week, and made a profitable study of Thomas Nelson Page and his literary achievements. There was a catchy treat by Mrs. V. C. Royter for the club members to the hostess.

Dr. Della Dixon-Carroll was hostess for a family dinner Tuesday evening at the Carroll home, on Fayetteville Street, in connection with the wedding ceremonies for the Whichard-Carroll marriage, in which Miss Pattle Law-Carroll became the bride of Henry Walter Whichard, of Norfolk.

Over sixty women of the city enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. William J. Andrews Thursday afternoon for a tea given on the lawn of the Country Club in honor of Miss Emma Payne Erskine, of Tyron, N. C., and Miss Joan Foster, of Oxford, England, who have been her guests for a week.

Mrs. A. B. Andrews, Jr., was hostess Tuesday afternoon for the Over the Teacups Club, which is making a study this season of the lives and personalities of the Presidents of the United States. The topic this week was President Adams. There was a paper by Mrs. P. D. Gold dealing with the career of Adams and a reading by Mrs. Albert Cox on "Mrs. Adams as the Leading Lady of the Land."

There was a discussion of current events by Mrs. Calvin Dorch. Special guests of Mrs. Andrews for the meeting were Miss Foster, of Oxford, England, who is a guest of Mrs. William J. Andrews, and Miss Margaret Boylan, who is to be a bride in November.

Miss Daisy Denson entertained the Tuesday afternoon Club this week,

Browning's poems being the topic for this season.

The Fortnightly Review Club had Mrs. James B. Young for hostess this week and heard a number of valuable papers on literary topics. There was a paper by Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain on "The Diffusion and Popularization of Literature"; another by Mrs. J. D. Boushall on "The Development of Periodical Literature," and a third by Mrs. J. R. Young on "The Philosophy of John Stewart Mills."

Kentness Book Club met this week with Miss Eleanor Vass and heard an interesting paper by Mrs. Albert Bauman on "The Drama and Its Origin, and a Comparison of Ancient and Modern Drama." There was a service of dainty refreshments and other features of delightful entertainment provided by the hostess.

Olla Podrida Club enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Fannie Heck this week, further pursuing the study of Holland. There were admirable papers treating various phases of this charming country and its interesting people by Mrs. W. N. Jones, Miss Eliza Pool and Mrs. Moncure Miss Heck provided a delightful social session along with the literary program.

Amherst Social News

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Amherst, Va., October 28.—Mrs. Minnie Shearer, of Lynchburg, is visiting her brothers, Will and Don Kent, and other relatives in Amherst.

Miss Perkins Shelton left this week for Snowden, where she will teach school this winter.

Mr. Shoats, of Boston, Mass., spent several days in Amherst this week. Miss Mary Demeron has gone to Raleigh, N. C., for a stay of several weeks.

Miss Nina Ware, of Sandhills, this week visited her cousin, Mrs. Beasly E. Ware.

Miss Christine Gannaway and Miss Megginson, of Lynchburg, this week visited Misses Emma and Estelle Beasly.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Ware, of Lancaster, have returned home, after a visit to relatives at Amherst.

Mineral Social News

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Mineral, Va., October 28.—Dr. W. J. Coleman and H. W. Judd attended the Medical Convention in Richmond.

Mrs. B. V. Boxley spent several days in Richmond during the past week.

Rev. John London, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, attended the Albemarle Convocation, held at Charlottesville last week.

Frank T. West, Superintendent of the county schools, visited the Mineral High School Monday last.

Mrs. Frank Harris, of Beaver Dam, was the guest of Mrs. D. E. Bumpass on Monday last.

Miss Maggie Arnett, who has been visiting relatives in New York for the past month, returned home Tuesday last.

Robert Crawford, of New York, accompanied by the Misses Crawford, of course, spent Wednesday last with J. C. Arnett.

Mrs. Lavie Arnett, of Richmond, is visiting A. D. Arnett.

J. O. Carr spent Sunday last in Fredericksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. King are visiting at Dr. Coleman's.

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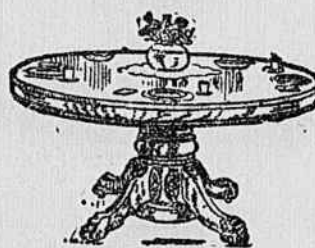
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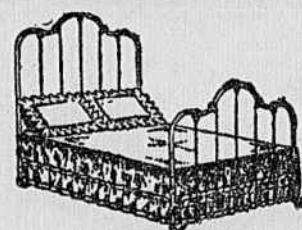
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